

REMARKS

Figure 12 has been amended to make editorial changes therein.

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 were rejected as anticipated by NAKAI et al. WO 01/78317 and claim 4 was rejected as unpatentable over NAKAI et al. Claims 1, 5, 7, and 9 have been amended and claims 3, 6, 8, and 10 have been canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

NAKAI et al. disclose a technique for charging for a communication according to an amount of data on an information network that a user has sent and received using an information communication terminal. In the data charging method, when data is sent and received through a network segment set in the information network, first address information specifying information resources on the information network, which is generated when the user sends and receives data, is updated dynamically so as to include second address information specifying the network segment set in the information network to cause the user to send and receive the data. In addition, an amount of the data is classified and totaled for each purpose of use of the data in the network segment. Public and private distinguishing information for distinguishing personal use of the user from business use in an organization, to which the user belongs, as a purpose of use is set for the first address information specifying information resources. The amount of the

data is accumulated separately for the user and the organization on the basis of the public and private distinguishing information to charge the user and the organization for communication separately.

However, NAKAI et al. do not disclose the features of the amended claims. Specifically, the reference does not disclose that a key telephone system (KTS) terminal unit registered as an IP extension terminal unit with the key telephone system main unit includes log-on means for logging on to the KTS main unit with predetermined second ID and password, and means for displaying a portal site for accessing information stored in a database of the KTS main unit, and that KTS main unit includes means for authenticating the second ID and password received from the KTS terminal unit and permitting the KTS terminal unit to access information stored in the database, as in claims 1, 7, and 9, or that the KTS terminal unit is configured to be authenticated by the KTS main unit with the second ID and password and to access information stored in the database, as in claim 5.

The Official Action points to various parts of NAKAI et al. in support of the rejection of claims 3, 6, 8, and 10 but does not provide a translation of the reference. It is requested that the Examiner share the translation with the applicant so that the translation can be verified. The applicant is familiar with the Japanese language and has read the reference and does not see

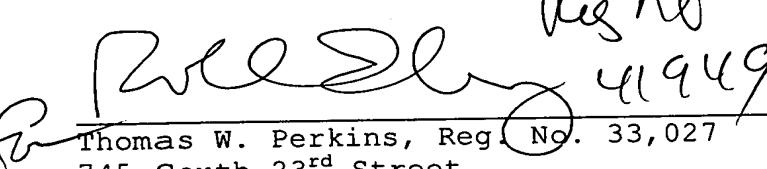
that the reference discloses all that is attributed to it by the Examiner. Specifically, the applicant does not see the above-mentioned features of the amended claims in NAKAI et al. If the rejection is repeated, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide a copy of the translation which apparently forms the actual basis for the rejection.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a terminal disclaimer
- a 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration
- a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure
- a Replacement Sheet for Figure 12 of the drawings
- a Substitute Specification and a marked-up copy of the originally-filed specification
- a verified English translation of foreign priority document

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The replacement sheet in the Appendix includes changes to Figure 12. In Figure 12, the previously omitted separation between "of" and "KTS" in step 1 has been added.